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SUBJECT: MADRAS INDIAN EXPRESS HEADLINES 'DEADLOCK' IN
PL-480 TALKS

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI FROM MADRAS JAN 02 IS REPEATED
QUOTE

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SUBJECT: MADRAS INDIAN EXPRESS HEADLINS 'DEADLOCK' IN PL-480 TALKS

MADRAS INDIAN EXPRESS MORNING JANUARY 2 CARRIES LEAD
ARTICLE ON FOOD AID UNDER FOLLOWING THREE-COLUMN BOLD-
FACE HEADLINE: "PL-480 FOOD AID TALKS DEADLOCKED:
US SETS 'HURTFUL CONDITIONS'." ARTICLE IS FROM EXPRESS
NEWS SERVICE, DATED NEW DELHI, JANUARY 1.
EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

"NEGOTIATIONS FOR PL-480 IMPORTS HAVE BEEN BOGGED
DOWN BECAUSE OF 'HUMILIATING STRINGS' SOUGHT TO BE ATTACHED
TO IT BY THE US, IT WAS LEARNT HERE TODAY."

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OPTIMISM EXPRESSED BY AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN IN

DECEMBER 15 PRESS CONFERENCE ON IMPENDING AGREEMENT
"TURNED OUT TO BE PREMATURE."

"MR. MOYNIHAN IS KNOWN TO BE GREATLY DISAPPOINTED
WITH THE DEADLOCK IN THE INDO-US NEGOTIATIONS OVER
PL-480 IMPORTS. AN AMERICAN NEWS AGENCY LAST WEEK
REPORTED THAT 'MOYNIHAN IS KNOWN TO BE UPSET OVER
RESTRICTIONS CONGRESS IS SEEKING TO IMPOSE ON INDIA'S
RECEIVING 300,000 TONNES OF FOODGRAINS ON A LOW-
INTEREST, 40-YEAR LOAN'.

INDIAN OFFICIALS AND US EMBASSY SOURCES ARE
TIGHTLIPPED ABOUT THE EXACT NATURE OF THE CONDITIONS.
BUT THESE CONDITIONS ARE UNDERSTOOD TO BE OVER AND
ABOVE THOSE STIPULATED IN THE PL-480 ACT....
...THE US HAS TOLD INDIA IT COULD SUPPLY GRAINS ON
CONCESSIONAL TERMS ONLY UNDER PL-480. BUT WHAT
MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH FOR INDIA WAS THE FACT THAT
THE US NOT ONLY REFUSED TO RELAX THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED
UNDER PL-480, BUT SOUGHT TO MAKE THEM MORE STRINGENT.

THE DEADLOCK IN THE PL-480 TALKS COMES AS AN ANTI-
CLIMAX TO THE MUCH-PUBLICIZED IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AFTER THE VISIT OF SECRETARY
OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER. EVEN IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE,
IT IS SAID, THE PROCESS OF WARMING UP OF RELATIONS HAS BEEN
TOO SLOW. SIGNED EAVES

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